Sanitation system in Metropolitan cities

1540. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE LOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce new laws and schemes *to* improve the sanitation system in the Metropolitan cities ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the manner in which Government propose to keep the cities clean?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Sanition is a State subject. It is the responsibility of the State Governments through the urban local bodies to improve the sanitation systems and maintain cleanliness in the cities. There is no central scheme for improving sanitation in metropolitan cities.

In the context of dry latrines and manual scavenging of night soil in urban areas, a proposal for a Central Legislation for making the employment of manual scavenging a punishable offence from a future date is being pursued with the State Governments.

Allotment of shops and flats in Delhi

1541. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE LOPMENT be pleased fto state :

(a) what are the details of shops and flats allotted by the Delhi Administration, NDMC and MC during the last one year;

(b) what are the names and addresses •f persons to whom the allotments have been made;

(c) whether these allotments have been made according to the rules/regulation, if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Amendment of Urban Land Ceiling Act and National Housing Act

1542. SHRIHARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make certain amendments in the Urban Land Ceiling Act and the National Housing Bank Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the considerations that have necessitated amendments in these Acts; and

(d) by when these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) The Govt, of India has been considering amendment proposals in respect of the Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 relating to some of its procedural aspects, matters relating to compensation and proposals of substantive nature requiring major amendments to the various existing provisions of the Act. Some proposals relating to the incorporation of new Sections also under consideration. These amendments have been considered necessary because over the years it has been repeatedly recognised that the existing Act has not achieved the objectives for which the Act was enacted.

Regarding amendments to the National Housing Bank Act, some proposals have been received by Ministry of Finance from National Housing Bank.

The proposals relate to the operational details of National Housing Bank so as to enable it to discharge more efficiently its functions as principal agency to promote housing finance institutions and to provide financial and other support to such institutions. No final decision has been taken by the Government in regard to these proposals.

दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत समूह आवास समितियां

1543. डा० अबरार अहमद : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली प्रशासन के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत आवास समितियों की संख्या क्या है, प्राथमिकता, के अनुसार उनके नाम